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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: BRIEFINGS ON PROXIMITY TALKS

1. WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP MET PM JANUARY 3 TO DISCUSS
FURTHER ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN ADVANCE OF THE PROPOSED
PROXIMITY TALKS. GROUP WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS TOMORROW
BUT AGREED TODAY THAT THE FOLLOWING BRIEFINGS SHOULD BE
CARRIED OUT DURING THE COURSE OF THE CURRENT WEEK:

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(A) BECAUSE OF THEIR POTENTIAL INFLUENCE OVER SWAPO BASED
UPON THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT, THE
FIVE NORDIC COUNTRIES SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN CAPITALS OF
THE WESTERN FIVE INVITATIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO TO
PROXIMITY TALKS IN NEW YORK AND REQUESTED TO USE THEIR
INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE SWAPO TO ATTEND. WESTERN FIVE
AMBASSADORS IN THOSE COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSULT EACH OTHER

AND ARRANGE FOR APPROACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS ON BASIS OF TALKING POINTS CONTAINED SEPTEL.

(B) CONTACT GROUP WILL MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH TO NORDIC MISSIONS TO UN AND WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF THEM ON THE RESULTS OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

(C) CONTACT GROUP WILL GO OVER SAME GROUND WITH UN REPRESENTATIVES OF FRONTLINE STATES AND AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (GABON, NIGERIA, AND MAURITIUS).

(D) AS GABON IS ALSO OAU PRESIDENT, AND MAY THUS BE IN POSITION TO INFLUENCE SWAPO, GABONESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTIFIED IN LIBREVILLE OF THE PROPOSED PROXIMITY TALKS AND REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE SWAPO'S ATTENDANCE. THE THREE WESTERN FIVE NATIONS REPRESENTED IN LIBREVILLE (FRANCE, FRG, AND US) SHOULD ARRANGE TO BRIEF GABONESE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON BASIS OF TALKING POINTS CONTAINED SEPTEL. CANADA AND UK MISSIONS TO UN WILL RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT, IN THE INTERESTS OF TIME, OTHER THREE MAKE APPROACH ALONE. USUN WILL ADVISE AS TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS' RESPONSES.

(E) ON BEHALF OF CONTACT GROUP, AMBASSADOR MCHENRY WILL INFORM UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI OF THE PROPOSED PROXIMITY TALKS. MCHENRY

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